

EVENEMENTS MARQUANTS

—DU— XIXe SIECLE

—ET— Souhait pour le XXe

Nous publions ci dessous les correspondances que nous avons reçues de nombre de nos amis, à l'occasion du siècle qui vient de se clore et du siècle qui lui succède.

Nlle-Orléans, Lun, 1er janvier 1901. A l'heure d'un nouveau siècle nous nous plaignons à jeter un regard en arrière sur la route parcourue, ainsi que le voyageur à mi-chemin de la côte.

Nous voici à une époque de transition, la Nouvelle-Orléans qui est à la fois française, espagnole, et maintenant créole-américaine, n'a pas encore terminé son évolution.

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L'Abelle, New Orleans, La. The most important event of the past century has been the marvelous progress made by the United States in all fields of human activity.

My dearest wishes are confined to New Orleans. I would see realized in the twentieth century its rightful and inevitable destiny: the commercial, industrial, literary, artistic and musical metropolis of the World.

To the Business Manager, New Orleans Bee, City. Dear Sir—Your circular of the 19th. Instant, has been received, and I very much regret that I cannot accept the compliment it conveys.

New Orleans, December 31, 1900. Mr. Armand Capdevielle, Editor L'Abelle. My Dear Sir—A special interest is felt by me in this New Century's issue of L'Abelle.

Farewell to the year 1900! Farewell to the 19th Century! They have served mankind faithfully and well and now as their respective periods of life have drawn to a close they must take their places in the tomb of Time.

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To the "Bee" May you long continue to gather sweets from the flowers of life for the benefit of mankind.



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The City of New Orleans occupies a site which in 1700 was occupied by a few wandering Indians. In 1800 it was the home of some 10,000 souls.

New Orleans, Dec. 31, 1900. My dear Mr. Editor: In reply to yours of the 19th, asking for "an expression on the most important events which have marked the closing century of the world."

Here a religious freedom, which can exist only in such a thoroughly cosmopolitan community, has been established and dedicated to the praise and worship of God—temples and churches of every denomination, and a harmonious people worship each and all, in their own individual way, uniting in wholesome charities.

Before Congress adjourns in March, 1901, the Hepburn Bill will be passed providing for an American canal across Nicaragua, connecting the Pacific Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico.

Nothing of such Commercial, Financial, Religious or Political importance is anywhere before the World—as the intimate relations contemplated between the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, by the shortening of distances and the possibilities of commercial development and interchange between the Atlantic and Pacific countries, between the Caucasian and Mongolian races.

While the United States as a whole will be enormously benefited, New Orleans must, as the natural leading shipping port, reap a large share of trade.

Therefore, Mr. Editor, we can reasonably hope that 1910 will find New Orleans enjoying great commercial and industrial development—the full benefit of all these great changes and improvements for which our people are working so earnestly.

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our city. Our dear old New Orleans, not dead but alive, we have yet much to do to make New Orleans the Winter Capital of the Union.

I have been requested by the Editor of the Bee to express my opinion as to the progress of the world in the Century just ended.

Surely never before has the world seen so many and so crowded with wonderful events so crowded together.

The marvels of the telegraph and the telephone, the innumerable inventions of Edison, in the field of electricity, the invention of the Roentgen or X ray, and finally the discoveries of Marconi, relative to wireless telegraphy all prove the matchless power of the human mind in the last ten decades.

The past year, as it has been the last, has perhaps been the most momentous of its Century, characterized by features of war and bloodshed such as to create doubts in the mind of statesmen as to the future destiny of the very world itself.

Mrs. V. Ducatel appreciates the compliment paid her by the New Orleans Bee, requesting her impression or wish to be published in special edition of January 1st, 1901.

Dear Sir—Complying with your request of the 19th inst., which reached me on the 27th of the same month, I beg to submit my humble but sincere wish for the opening year.

Good health and strength to our Mayor, Honorable Paul Capdevielle so that he may continue, for many years, to administer this City affairs and thus benefit the Commercial, Financial and Political population.

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L'Abelle de la Nouvelle-Orléans. Membre: En réponse à votre questionnaire de 1900, je vous prie de m'excuser de ne pas vous avoir répondu plus tôt.

Pour ce qui en fait des souhaits de bonjour, je ne fais que ce que moi-même j'ai fait et que je fais encore.

Je remercie le distingué directeur de la Bee pour l'honneur qu'il m'a fait en me demandant de contribuer à la discussion de son questionnaire.

The discovery and acceptance of the much abused germ theory of disease, establishing a basis for aseptic and antiseptic treatment in medicine and surgery, and suggesting disinfection as a preventive measure of contagious diseases, are regards life and health but also to commerce and the broad winning capacity of that large majority that forms the bone and sinew of the land.

To the Sanitarium no advance during the nineteenth century appears more than that made in the field of preventive medicine, and no greater evidence of advancement in the refinement of civilization as well as in knowledge can be found than the establishment throughout the enlightened world of organized departments of government for the purpose of putting into practical execution the laws which will enable us to enter the twentieth century equipped with plans of sanitation the carrying out of which will place her in the front rank of American municipalities entitled to the brightest prospects for the future.

That her destiny may remain in the control of useful and loving sons should be the earnest wish of every good citizen.

New Orleans, Dec. 30th, 1900. Editor New Orleans Bee. The close of a Century is in itself a bit of epoch which interests us compared to the past and future, but a mere point in time, but the great and profound interest I take in the wonderful advancement of the Century now closing, amongst other achievements, is that ripe and active recognition of individuality, or personality, with its rights and liberties, carrying with them their natural and rational exercise.

Happy New Year, Plenty of money and no poor friends, 1901. M. ANDREW R. BLAKELY, New Orleans.

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